Allowing the Greater East End Management District to impose assessments on certain residential property

SB 1555 by Gallegos (Dutton)

DIGEST:

SB 1555 would have allowed the Greater East End Management District to impose taxes, impact fees, and assessments on multi-unit residential property consisting of more than 13 units.

GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:

"Senate Bill No. 1555 would allow the Greater East End Management District in Houston to impose assessments on multi-unit residential property consisting of more than 13 units. Currently, the district is prohibited from imposing assessments or taxes on any residential property. The general law governing management districts prohibits districts from imposing impact fees, assessments or taxes on single-family detached residential property, duplexes, triplexes or quadraplexes. The language in this bill would allow for the first time for the management district to assess property taxes on single family homes. Imposing property taxes and assessments on single-family residential property is contrary to the general law governing municipal management districts."

RESPONSE:

Sen. Mario Gallegos, the bill's author, said: "I am disappointed that the governor decided to veto SB 1555, which would have provided critical dollars to an area of my senatorial district that sorely needs it. The governor's contention that SB 1555 would have allowed for the assessment of single-family residences runs contrary to the intent of this bill, and I look forward to working with the governor to address these concerns during the special session or subsequent regular session."

Rep. Melissa Noriega, the House sponsor, was unavailable for comment.

NOTES:

SB 1555 passed the House on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*.